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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Eckhard Alt
Application No.:	09/735401
Filed:	December 12, 2000
For:	Tubular Stent with Oval Struts
Examiner:	Michael H. Thaler
Group Art Unit:	3731

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No.: S63.2N-11056-US03**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 16, 2005.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: